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## BY TELEGRAPH.

TREATY PUBLISHED TO-DAY.

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A NEW AGREEMENT PENDING.

The President Approves of the Treaty.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 22.

The treaty was published today. Previous telegraphic summaries regarding it were correct. An agreement is pending, asking the sanction, for two years, of Canada and Newfoundland to grant American vessels, for a license of one dollar and fifty cents, the privilege of entering their port for bait, and all other supplies; the transshipment of fish and the shipping of crews. If the United States removes the present fish duties, the license to be granted free. The President sends a message, warmly approving of the treaty.

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General Post Office.  
St. John's, 17th Jan., '88.



## PUBLIC NOTICE.

The following Sections of the Acts 47th Vic., Cap. VII., and 50th Vic., Cap. IX., for the Preservation of Sheep, are published in a consolidated form for the information of the Public—

I.—It shall be lawful for the duly qualified Electors, resident within an area or District within this Colony, to present to the Governor in Council a Petition or Requisition in the form prescribed by the Schedule to this Act, or as near thereto as may be, setting forth the limits or boundaries within which such area or Districts comprised, and the names of the Towns, Harbors, or Settlements included therein, and praying for a Proclamation prohibiting the keeping of Dogs within such area or District.

II.—Such Petition or Requisition shall be sent to the nearest resident Stipendiary Magistrate, and shall be by him (after examination and certificate as hereinafter provided) furnished to the Governor in Council.

III.—If, upon due scrutiny of such Petition or Requisition, the Stipendiary Magistrate shall find that the same contains the bona fide signatures of One-third of the duly qualified Electors resident within the limits or boundaries set forth in the said Petition or Requisition, he shall forthwith make a Certificate to that effect endorsed upon or attached to the Petition or Requisition, and shall forward the same to the Governor in Council.

IV.—Any Stipendiary Magistrate to whom such Petition or Requisition may be presented may, before certifying the same to the Governor in Council as aforesaid, require proof to be made before him of the bona fide signature of any of the names subscribed to such Petition upon the oath of either the party whose name purports to be signed or of the witness to such signature.

V.—Upon receipt of any such Petition or Requisition containing the signatures of not less than One-third of the Electors resident within any such area or District, certified as aforesaid, the Governor in Council shall issue a Proclamation or Public Notice prohibiting the keeping of Dogs within such area or District.

VI.—From and after the day prescribed in and by such Proclamation or Notice, it shall not be lawful for any person resident within such area or District to keep, or to have in his possession, or under his control, any Dog within the area or District to which such Proclamation or Notice shall relate, under a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding Three Months. This prohibition shall not apply to any person or persons travelling or passing through such areas or Districts and having a Licensed Dog or Dogs in his or their possession, charge or control, and not at large.

VII.—It shall be the duty of all Police Constables to kill all Dogs found by them in any area or District in which the keeping of Dogs is prohibited under this Act, except Shepherd Dogs or Collies, and those excepted under the next preceding Section, and all such Dogs not so excepted may be killed by any person whomsoever. And it shall be lawful for any person to destroy any Dog kept in contravention of the provisions of this Act.

VIII.—After such Proclamation or Notice shall have issued, as aforesaid, no new Petition or Requisition on the same subject shall be presented from such area or District until the expiration of Ten Years from the date of such Proclamation or Notice; and, if no such Petition or Requisition be presented within Three Months after the expiration of such Proclamation or Notice, the operation of such Proclamation or Notice, with reference to any such area or District, shall be considered as agreed to by the Electors of such area or District, and a new Proclamation or Notice shall issue, as of course, containing the provisions of the former Proclamation or Notice, which shall continue in full effect for Ten Years from the expiration thereof.

All penalties under this Act may be sued for and recovered in a summary manner before a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, and all fines shall be paid to the person who shall give information of the offence and prosecute the offender to conviction. dec5

### SCHEDULE.

To His Excellency the Governor in Council: The Petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth— That your Petitioners are duly qualified Electors residing in an area or section of the Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_, comprised and bounded as follows:—

That the said area or section contains the following Towns, (or Harbors, or Settlements, as the case may be). That your Petitioners are desirous, and humbly pray Your Excellency in Council, that a Proclamation or Notice be issued under the provisions of an Act passed in the Forty-seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA, Chapter 7, entitled "An Act to provide for the better Preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes," prohibiting the keeping of Dogs within the above-described area or section of the said District, and Petitioners will ever pray.

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### THE POLICE COURT.

MURRAY'S MERRY MONDAY MORNING.

By The "Office Dude."

Owing to the roughness of the weather on Monday morning, His Honor did not put in an appearance till later than usual. A small crowd had assembled outside to await him, and for want of better employment enjoyed themselves by throwing snowballs at an innocent Torbay horse across the way, whose master had gone down on Water-street on business. The snow shoveller, who has lately been appointed, had finished his morning's work and now stood pensively leaning on his shovel, with a far away look in his eyes. Like all new men in office, he had already begun to put on style, and turn haughtily away from old friends. When addressed by those in the crowd who once were his friends he turned scowling away, failing to recognize them, and it is even stated that when a poor relation called on him a few days ago in his office, which is situated under the court house stairs in the coal pound, that he arose in his brand new majesty, and striking an attitude, and his cousin, he shouted in tones stentorian, "take off your hat, sir." The poor relation would not have been more surprised if some one had asked him to take a drink, but having begged the pardon of the august personage, he was allowed to sit on an inverted coal-scuttle and rest his weary limbs, before he departed for home with a blood-curdling oath on his lips that he would never again be caught in the office of his high-toned relation. Ah! my noble snow-shoveller, you are a true type of your race and are but doing in your sphere what the mighty in the land are doing in theirs. But why moralize while this foot-stool spins round the sun; so it ever will be! Up in the court-house the base burner glowed in responsive redness to the blush on the cheek of the "Head," who sat in underneath the throne and made mild bets with Sergeant Dawe as to whose boots would wear the longer. They had got the new boots! Over by the witness-box stood a man from Pouchcove, awaiting one of the lawyers, who had promised to buy a couple of hundred garden rails from him. That was in the balmy summer time when trout were ripe and the legal gentleman referred to was down that way for a two days' trip. It looked different now, when the whitened snow covered the landscape; and shekels were not as much in the ascendant now as they were then. The Pouchcove man waited on, with a "He-cometh-not-she-said" look in his eyes with an occasional nervous look at the clock over the throne. He waited till three o'clock in the afternoon, when he left for home in disgust. At eleven o'clock his Honor came in and mounted the throne. The two Sergeants ceased talking about the relative merits of their boots, and then the officer who had been amusing himself with the court snuff-box dropped it hurriedly. The Pouchcove man yawned, the door opened and the crowd came in.

"Bring forward the prisoners," said his Worship, and one culprit was ushered from below. He took his place in the front seat and looked timidly up at the benign face on the throne. He gave his age as nineteen, and was sheltered from the blasts of winter by a two storey house on Prescott-street. His youthful jaws were surrounded by a low picket fence of ruby hirsute, and his hair of the same color did the angry porcupine act in good shape. He wore a pair of boots evidently of the Elizabethan period; but, as Mrs. McVeigh Miller would remark in one of her charming stories of the "Queenie's Terrible" stamp, modern wings had been added to them during the last century. The boots were heirlooms in his family, and some of his relations went so far as to say that they came over with the Normans when they brought the big baby from Herringneck. But some historians deny this fact. "Edward Stapleigh, stand up," said his Worship, "and hear the charge against you." Edward trembled almost out loud, mentally made his will and shivered to the bar. "Edward what did Sergeant Lacy ever do to you that you should endeavor to muss his new uniform and tear the newspaper padding out of the breast of his tunic and thus spoil his military bustle, if I may be allowed to use the expression. You may be a good blacksmith Edward and be able to shoe horses and make grapple and 'Halifaxers' was canvas aprons and wash your face on Saturday evenings, but that is no reason why you should try to sweep a skating place with one of the Newfoundland constabulary. You should be more careful Edward, or some of the officer's might strike back with that rolling pin, which, they carry in their leather sheath by their side. 'I'll never do it again your Honor.' 'I know that Edward, but the youthful mind is not very tenacious where promises of this sort are concerned, and I will just ask you for a trifling reminder of your promise. If you have any loose change about you, we will allow you to put down your name for three dollars. It is not a large amount Edward, but it will cover the mornings expenses. Be careful that there is no Canadian coin in the money Edward, and now go home like a good boy. Good morning!" and his Honor left the throne at eleven thirty.



## Select Story.

## A Dreadful Mistake

[BY THE COUNTESS.]

## PART II.

## CHAPTER XVIII.—(continued.)

'It is your fault,' said Beatrice. She drew herself up with the hauteur of a queen. She raised her bare white arm as though appealing to the highest tribunal. 'Listen!' she cried. 'You have outwitted me. You have triumphed over me. I curse you! I curse the fair beauty of your face; I would fain trample it out. Sleeping, waking, eating, weeping, laughing, I curse you, Violante Selwyn, and I hate you with the hate of hell.'

Violante made no attempt to stay the passionate torrent of words.

'I must return to my child,' she said. 'Beatrice, Rupert's trembles in the balance; the least excitement will kill him. Let us keep this secret yet a little longer—until to-morrow evening. The chances are if my boy dies I shall die with him; then it will not matter. If he lives, to-morrow evening, cost what it may, I will tell my husband myself, then go out of his presence for evermore. Will you keep my secret until then?'

'As you will,' was the sullen reply. 'And, Beatrice, I have something to forgive. You have tried to kill my son; I will pardon you,' pleaded Violante gently. 'I will pardon and forget, if you will forgive me the wrong I have done you.'

The proud, implacable face, full of angry resentment, was turned to her.

'No!' was the bitter reply. 'I would not forgive you, Violante Selwyn, if an angel from Heaven asked me. I will curse you, and hate you; but forgive you, so help me Heaven, I never will.' 'You will keep my secret until to-morrow?' said Violante humbly.

'If, by the rising of my finger,' said Beatrice Leigh, 'I could stretch you dead at my feet, I would lay you there. Better, Violante Selwyn, to have made yourself any other enemy. You shall not triumph in the end.'

And so defiant, so proud, so wicked was the face turned to Violante, that she shuddered as with mortal cold.

'Remember,' hissed Beatrice, as she passed her, 'my last word to you was a curse.'

She swept from the room without another look at the unhappy woman she left behind.

Then Violante replaced her cap and her disguise; she took the bottle from the table and hastily quitted the room.

She flew rather than walked down the corridor—all was silent: that terrible interview had not been overheard. Rupert lay wide awake.

'Where have you been?' he asked, 'I was just getting frightened.'

She looked at her watch: it was half past twelve. Then pouring out the medicine into a glass, she held it to his lips. He drank it eagerly, as he did everything offered to him.

'Now,' she whispered, 'try to sleep.' And the eyes that had so long been hot and sleepless closed at last—not in weariness, but in slumber—closed, and the limbs relaxed; a faint color crept into the cheeks, a faint moisture came on the hot brow.

'He is saved!' she said to herself, as she knelt by his side, her whole soul lost in gratitude, a torrent of thanksgiving rising to her lips. 'He is saved; my boy will live!'

Hour after hour, silent, motionless, and calm, with clasped hands she still knelt there. Once—it was nearly four in the morning—Lord Selwyn came slowly and quietly into the room. She placed her fingers on her lips in token of silence. 'He sleeps,' she whispered, and he withdrew. She knew that he took his place in the ante-room, so as to keep any one from entering the Red Room.

Hour after hour, and the boy slept on. The sunbeams came peeping gently into the room, the birds began to sing, but their faint music did not disturb him; the sleeping flowers opened their eyes, the western wind murmured amongst the trees—but their whispers did not reach him.

And as hour after hour passed, the mother knew each one added to her son's chance of life. His lordship entered the room again; this time it was to bring her a glass of wine. She could not move for the sleeping boy

held one of her hands. He held the glass to her white lips, and whispered to her—

'Pray drink it; you look so very ill.' And she raised her eyes, so full of happiness to him.

'He is saved!' she whispered; 'it does not matter about me!'

The sun rose high in the heavens, the world awoke, the full flush of dawn was in the sky, still the young heir of Selwyn slept on. One or two servants looked into the room, but Mrs. Rivers motioned them silently away.

What were her thoughts as she knelt there watching that beloved face? They were chaos. She could not see before her; the future was a sealed book. What would happen when the evening came, and her secret was made known? What would Lord Selwyn say? What would Beatrice do?

It was her own fault! She, Beatrice had no one to thank but herself. She might have lived and died 'Lady Selwyn' had it not been for the cruel attempt to destroy her son. Violante would never have had courage to tell her secret but for that—but for seeing that Rupert's life was not safe while he remained with her foe.

The fair, pure face flushed with indignation as she thought of it. Who could have believed it—jealous, envious and unkind as she was, who could have imagined Beatrice capable of seeking the life of a boy, the son whom her husband loved? She deserved all that followed; she deserved denouncing and exposing.

Then the feeble hand she clasped in her palm moved slightly, and Violante bent down to touch it with her lips. He was so much better; sleep had taken the wan haggard look from his face; the expression of it was more natural; the bright, fevered flush had died away; the eyes looked clearer and brighter.

'Do you feel better?' she asked, bending over him.

'Yes,' was the faint reply; 'I think I shall live. Mrs. Rivers, will you call papa?'

Lord Selwyn was soon there, and she drew back while the father and son spoke together. The sun was shining bright and warm then, the air was full of music. She went out into the ante-room, and left them alone. It was some minutes before his lordship followed her, and took her hand in his, his voice broken with emotion.

'After God,' he said, 'we owe his life to you, Mrs. Rivers. Let me thank you—yet all words fail. The life you have helped to save is dearer to me a thousand times than my own.'

She barely heard the words, so great was the tumult in her heart and brain.

'What will he say when he knows? What will he say when the evening comes?'

Lord Selwyn thought her dazed with fatigue, for she made no reply. He left her, thinking what a splendid present Rupert should make her when he grew well.

## CHAPTER XX.

'Slowly, but surely,  
The dark fate wooed by thine own self  
Shall come.'

FOILED, baffled, desperate, Beatrice—Lady Beatrice no longer—returned to her own room. She fastened the door, she secured herself from all observation, and then gave loose to the hot, angry passion that raged within her. Eyes gleamed with fury; her face in its livid passion, was terrible to see. She set her teeth, she clinched her strong white hands; hate and murder ran riot through her veins.

She had schemed, she had maneuvered, she had planned, she had persevered in evil doing. She had deliberately set herself to break the heart of a fair, innocent woman who had never wronged her; she had with keen, unerring wiles and bitter satire divided man and wife; she had, by dint of cruel, relentless persecution driven that helpless lady from home, as she once believed, to death. And then the hour of triumph came, when she filled her rival's place and bore her name. Even then she had persevered in her evil-doing. No one but herself knew how cruelly she had treated Violante's son, doing all that lay in her power to make home wretched and drive him from it as she had done his mother before him. And when her own son was born—when one might have thought the mother love would have softened her heart, her hate and envy redoubled, until they reached such a height that it seemed to her a small wrong to do that which should take Rupert's last chance of life away, and make Lance the heir of the Selwyn titles and estates.

(to be continued.)

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

Speech of the Hon. G. Rendell.

THURSDAY, Feb. 16, 1888.

His Excellency and *side* having withdrawn,  
the "opening speech" was read by the clerk. The  
commission of the Hon. George Rendell, recently  
appointed to the Legislative Council, was also  
read.

HON. G. RENDELL then rose and said that  
in making the motion that he had the honor of  
now submitting to the house, having reference to  
the speech with which this session of the Legis-  
lature has been opened, one's thoughts naturally  
turn to the circumstance of His Excellency's first  
meeting the legislative bodies, even though he  
had not in the first sentence of his speech called  
our attention to it. And it is a subject of congratu-  
lation to all of us that we find placed over us  
one of his ability and experience, who assumes the  
duties of his exalted position with a full sense of  
the responsibility it involves, and which he assures  
us shall be discharged in accordance with strict  
constitutional principles. These sentiments augur  
well for the future of His Excellency's presidency  
over the affairs of the colony. In expressing his  
(Mr. R.'s) own views regarding His Excellency's  
advent amongst us, he thought he would be sus-  
tained by other hon. members in making his ap-  
preciation of the lively interest he had already  
manifested in the affairs of the colony. During  
his, as yet, brief residence amongst us, he has  
visited the towns and settlements within reason-  
able distance of St. John's, and has evinced an  
earnest desire to become practically acquainted  
with the country, its requirements and capabili-  
ties. It is also satisfactory to learn of his recog-  
nition of the cordial reception extended to him  
by the people of those localities within the scope  
of his visit. As regards

of the speech: the fisheries on this, as on former  
occasions, and will doubtless in the future, occupy  
a prominent place. Success and failure are in-  
timately blended in treating of those subjects,  
but it is pleasing to know that in some branches  
a gleam of light shines through the darkness.  
The lobster fishery is a comparatively new indus-  
try, but during its brief existence it has proved  
successful, and is gradually being extended  
around the Island, with profitable returns, he  
believed, to those engaging in it. The bank and  
salmon fisheries also proved successful, more  
particularly the former. This branch of our in-  
dustries has only recently been resuscitated, but  
has within a few years rapidly extended, and  
bids fair to go on increasing. It will thus con-  
tinue to afford the means of support to a large  
number of fishermen whose condition in recent  
years has been gradually becoming worse and  
worse, owing to the decline of the shore and  
Labrador fisheries. In the season just passed the  
cod fishery on the coast of the Island, especially  
Northward, and at Labrador was very much be-  
low the average, which, taken in connection  
with the failure of the herring fishery on the  
latter coast, was productive of unfortunate re-  
sults, though in some measure compensated for  
by enhanced prices. This continued failure of  
these fisheries, if it be a failure, is a subject for  
earnest reflection. Whether the annual catch  
nowadays be less than formerly he was unpre-  
pared to say, but the results bring us face to face  
with the difficulty arising from the fact that at  
the present time there is a much larger number  
of people trying to live out of the produce, than  
when our population was considerably less. At  
present fifteen or twenty persons are striving to  
draw a living out of that which formerly sup-  
ported ten. The natural result of such an un-  
favourable state of affairs is increasing poverty in  
many places, and this was the case last year  
more particularly at the Northward and Labra-  
dor, where the distress was alleviated as far as  
possible by the government. If we were to an-  
ticipate an indefinite demand upon the revenue  
of the colony to supply the deficiency in the sup-  
port of the people resulting from short fisheries,  
a serious consideration is presented to our minds.  
Such a course would

SWALLOW UP THE MEANS  
for public improvement and the onus would fall  
upon those who may have been fairly successful  
in business. These circumstances suggest two  
considerations: first the necessity if possible to  
preserve and increase the supply of food-fishes  
which are indispensable in our industrial and  
commercial economy. Secondly, the diversion of  
the labor of a large proportion of the people  
into channels and pursuits other than that  
which they have heretofore adhered to. The  
preservation of the fisheries is at present a sub-  
ject of enquiry by a commission appointed last  
session by the legislature, and upon their report  
probably some substantive action may be taken  
in this laudable direction. It always seemed to  
that we Newfoundlanders know very little about  
that by which as it were we live and move and  
have our being. The habits and movements of  
the cod and other fish coming on our coasts are to  
a great extent a sealed book to us, and it is time  
that such ignorance should be dispelled. An-  
other point to which failure of the fisheries and  
the need of occupation lead up is the cultivation  
of the soil. Naturally agriculture is the next

best thing to the fisheries. He (Mr. R.) was  
not an enthusiast nor one to go into ecstasies  
upon the capabilities of the soil of Newfound-  
land; yet he felt convinced that it is susceptible  
of being rendered productive to a very large and  
profitable extent. And he was firmly of opinion  
that if the labor now expended by the fishermen,  
often, he regretted to say, fruitlessly, were de-  
voted to tilling the land, much more beneficial  
returns would accrue to them. He believed the  
fishermen of this colony are as hard working a  
class of men as any in the world, and that no-  
where was so much labor given for such small  
return, in too many cases. If, then, they could  
be enticed into

CULTIVATION OF THE SOIL,  
an improvement in their circumstances would  
soon be manifest. It was, no doubt, difficult to  
induce fishermen to abandon their accustomed  
and cherished pursuit for that of agriculture;  
but when pauperism stares us in the face, some  
alternative must be essayed. And he would say  
that in no country has any government held out  
such liberal offers of assistance to the laboring  
man to cultivate the soil as in Newfoundland.  
Not only is the land obtainable free, but the in-  
tending settler is paid for clearing a large por-  
tion of his grant; and it is strange that, in the  
face of such generous encouragement, a large  
number of persons has not availed of it. Another  
industry that formerly employed many of the  
people has declined, to a degree, that all must  
regret—that is the seal fishery. Last season  
fewer ships and men engaged in that fishery than  
for many preceding years, and the result was  
generally unremunerative. Nothing could well  
be worse, but we must hope for better success  
the coming season, though it is beyond question  
that this is a declining business, and possibly  
the bank fishery will hereafter take its place.  
There is no doubt that in former times the seal-  
ing voyage interfered with the prosecution of the  
shore fishery; the men engaged were kept out  
so late in the spring, and it prevented the pro-  
secution of the shore and bank fisheries together.  
One branch of our industries that shows en-  
couraging symptoms is the mining business. The

ADVANCED PRICE OF COPPER  
ore has given an impetus to mining operations  
during the past year, and good results must fol-  
low. He considered the best consequence that  
flows from mining enterprise is, that it gives the  
operatives good daily wages for a full day's  
work. He thought that the best and most use-  
ful population in any country are those who have  
regular employment and daily pay; far prefer-  
able to the uncertainty of precarious fisheries,  
which may yield large profits for a brief period  
and leave the fishermen six months of the year  
without anything to do. At the same time min-  
ing operations can only supply a limited number  
of hands; but, if extended, the results will con-  
fer a proportionate benefit upon the country.  
Respecting the shipbuilding bounty we are  
brought to the consideration of a business that is  
especially suited to the business of this country.  
Newfoundlanders are as capable shipbuilders as  
are to be found anywhere, and with the stimulus  
given by government they will, he had no doubt,  
produce all the vessels necessary for the prosecu-  
tion of the bank fishery outfitted from this colony.  
He thought better vessels of their kind, nor pret-  
tier, where care is taken, can be turned out in  
any country than are turned out of the builders'  
hands at the northward of this island. This is a  
work, too, that affords employment in the winter  
time when there is generally a stagnation of  
labor in other directions; hence, no portion of  
the public funds could be more beneficially ap-  
plied than in its promotion. He should not now  
discuss the subject of

THE BAIT ACT.  
That has been already fully ventilated during the  
two preceding sessions, but he should express his  
satisfaction at the obtaining of the Royal as-  
sent, and at the prospect of the early operation  
of its provisions. Still greater was his satisfac-  
tion to see the government avowal of their deter-  
mination to enforce it, because, if allowed to re-  
main dormant, we should exhibit ourselves as a  
laughing-stock to all concerned in the measure.  
We are told in the speech of the consummation  
of a new contract for the Coastal Steam Service,  
embracing the Halifax winter service, and on a  
scale and at a cost that must be satisfactory to  
the country. We shall hereafter have the service  
performed by larger and faster steamers, with  
greater carrying capacity and superior accommo-  
dation, at a less cost than was heretofore paid for  
the coastal service alone; and seeing whose hands  
the contract is in he had no doubt it will be faith-  
fully carried out. Having a winter line of our own  
to Halifax would seem to place us in a better po-  
sition than heretofore to make advantageous ar-  
rangements for the carriage of our mails to and  
from Europe by the occasional line. Whether  
any better contract than that which previously  
existed can be obtained he could not say, but  
thought the competition for an ocean service was  
not likely to be very strong. However, the matter  
is in the hands of the government, and he trusted  
the best possible arrangements in the public in-  
terest will be made. He thought this a fitting  
opportunity, before going into ecstasies over

THE NEW COASTAL STEAM CONTRACT,  
to say a good word for the old one. Some  
twelve or fourteen years ago the Plover and  
Curlew were placed upon the coastal route, and  
when we began the service we thought, and de-



## Daily Colonist.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1888.

## THE CARNIVAL LAST NIGHT.

The Juvenile Carnival in the City Rink was very successful last night. There were present two hundred maskers, and over a thousand spectators. At 7 o'clock, a tableaux, arranged for the occasion, was presented; it consisted in the setting off of many colored fires, which brilliantly illuminated the rink. After the tableaux, the little ones came on and skated till 9.30 o'clock, when spectators came on. The following costumes were most conspicuous amongst the girls: "Miser," "Puritan Maiden," "Jill," "Winter," "American Flag," "Joan of Arc," "Yachting Suit" (3), "Toboggan Maiden," "Gypsy Maiden," "Night" (2), "Old Woman" (2). The two first mentioned were the best skaters, but the "American Flag," and "Winter" were the prettiest costumes. There were many others, personating no particular character, who both skated and looked very well. Amongst the boys, the following costumes were considered the best: "English Gentleman," "Jack," "Little Boy Blue," "Page," "Student," "Winter," "Jof," "Judge" (2), "Robin Hood," "Leicester," "Jockey" (2). The "Old English Gentleman," wore the most "taking" costume, and the "Judges" were considered the most graceful skaters. The little ones enjoyed themselves and expressed wishes all round that the carnival might again be repeated this season. Skating is considered a healthy exercise for youth, as well as for "children of larger growth," and is now fashionable in all the large cities in the United States and Canada. Judging from the appearance of those who took part in the carnival last night, it is also capable of affording the little ones a source of innocent recreation. It is less dangerous than sliding, and will, in time, become the favorite exercise and recreation of our juvenile population in the winter months.

## Benevolent Irish Society.

## THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

ST. PATRICK'S HALL, Feb. 17th, 1888.

The eighty-second anniversary meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held here this day—R. J. Kent, Esq., Q.C., in the chair. After the admission of new members, the minutes of the last quarterly and intervening meetings were read and confirmed, the roll called, and the sum of \$251 collected.

The Treasurer submitted his report for the year, which was, on motion, received and adopted. The Chairman of the School Committee then laid upon the table the report of the schools and industrial department, which was, on motion, received and adopted.

## Report of the School Committee for the year ending February 17th, 1888.

Your committee beg to report that the schools presided over and conducted by the Christian Brothers continue to educate upwards of four hundred boys, being as many as it is possible to accommodate. Large numbers of applicants for admission during the year had to be refused, owing to want of accommodation.

At the quarterly meeting of the society, held in November last, permission was granted to the junior branch to fit up the basement for reading-room, library, gymnasium, &c., all of which have been done at their own expense.

The industrial department is in a satisfactory condition. All the twine made up during the year was disposed of, and the purchasers were well pleased with the work.

The arrangements made with the late keeper (Mrs. Connors), to vacate the quarters she occupied, have been carried out and Mr. C. Buckley placed in charge.

During the year necessary repairs have been done to the building, and the walls surrounding the grounds put in good order. We feel confident that no further outlay will be required for some time.

The committee would strongly urge upon the society the advisability of having a permanent stage erected in the hall—the cost of which would be small compared with the revenue which would be derived from concerts, lectures, and other entertainments.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,

THOMAS MITCHELL,

Chairman of Schools.

F. ST. JOHN,

Secretary of Schools.

The President then presented the report of the officers of the Society, which is as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S HALL, Feb. 17th, 1888.

The officers of the Benevolent Irish Society, in presenting this their report for the year just concluded, beg to congratulate the society on the attainment of this its eighty-second anniversary.

On the festival of St. Patrick, the society met in their hall and accompanied by bands of music, proceeded in processional order from thence to

St. Patrick's Church at Riverhead. In the church the members of the society were, by the kindness of the Very Revd. Pastor, provided with special seats, and were present at the celebration of High Mass. The sermon of the day, which was an eloquent and instructive discourse, on the life and virtues and apostolic labors of St. Patrick, was preached by the Very Revd. M. A. Fitzgerald. After the conclusion of the sacred ceremonies, the society again formed in processional order and proceeded along Water-street and up Cochrane-street to Government House, where they were most cordially received by His Excellency Sir George Wm. Des Vœux, K.C.M.G., the then Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over this Island and its dependencies. After leaving Government House, the society marched by the Military Road to the Episcopal residence; arrived here the society was received in the spacious library by His Lordship the Bishop of St. John's, who expressed his pleasure at again meeting the society, congratulated it on its continued success and upon the happy results which were being reaped from its efforts in the good cause of education and charity. From the Episcopal residence the society returned to this hall and separated. In the evening the members of the society and their guests, numbering in all 162, sat down in this hall to the annual dinner of the society. The evening passed most pleasantly, as all, both members and guests, were animated by an earnest desire to contribute to the harmony and good will of the occasion.

A special feature of the day's celebration was that in their procession, the society was accompanied by the then recently organized Juvenile Society. It affords your officers much pleasure to state that, since then the juvenile branch has been fully and completely organized, and that it is now strong in numbers and in hope, and fully determined to sustain the traditions of the parent society. With the permission of this society a portion of the basement floor has been appropriated to the use of the juvenile society, and in this portion they have at their own expense erected reading and recreation rooms, which are well furnished and supplied and largely attended by their members. Your officers look confidently forward to the realization in future years, of the hopes based by this society, upon the establishment of the juvenile branch, and that it will in no small degree contribute to the strengthening of the parent society, and enable it to enlarge its sphere of usefulness.

A ball under the auspices of the society, was held in this hall on the 18th of April last, and was amongst the most brilliant and successful events of the season.

During the year just closed, eighteen new members were added to the roll of the society, and within the same period eight of our brother members, each one of whom was held in high esteem by the society have died, namely; the Honorable Edward Morris, M. L. C., for many years the President of this society, Capt. John Bates, and Messrs. Thomas Walsh, Peter Brennan, P. M. Barron, William Bride, Thomas Hawe and Edward Power. The last named gentleman was the oldest member whose name appears on the books of the society. He joined it in August 1823. Whilst recalling the names of the deceased members of the society, your officers regret to have to report that the attendance of members of the society at the funerals of their brother members, has not of late been such as the rules of the society contemplate. They commend this matter to the earnest consideration of the society, as being one of considerable importance to the interests of the society.

The report of the Chairman of Schools will show that under the charge of the Christian Brothers that most interesting and important branch of the society's establishment continues to realise and justify the high hopes which the society, in common with the whole community, entertain of it. The applications for admission continues to be more numerous than by any possibility can be attended to; and though every effort to meet these applications is made by the society and the good Brothers, they have sorrowfully to refuse to a great many the happiness of occupying a place in their schools.

The report of the Chairman of Schools also shows the condition of the industrial department and the work which has been done there during the past year.

The Treasurer's report, which has been adopted by the society, shows that the income of the society, from all sources, has been, for the year, \$2,184.24, and the expenditure \$2056.48, leaving a balance in favor of the society of \$127.75 on the transactions of the year. A considerable portion of this expenditure has been incurred with the sanction of the society, and for purposes, as the report of the Chairman of Schools shows, of permanent utility. The particulars which make up the amounts of receipt and expenditure will be found in the Treasurer's report.

Having thus submitted our report for the past year, we have concluded the duties of the trusts confided in us by the society at its last anniversary meeting, and in retiring from the positions of honor and trust then conferred on us, we beg to thank our brother members for the courtesy

and attention they have always extended to us, and for the valuable aid and assistance they have on several occasions given us.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the officers of the society.

ROBERT J. KENT, President.

MICHAEL H. CARTY, Secretary.

Ballotting for officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

Robert J. Kent, Esq., Q.C., re-elected, President. William Donnelly, Esq., elected, Vice-President. T. J. Greene, Esq., re-elected, 1st Asst. V.-President. H. V. Born, Esq., re-elected, 2nd Asst. V.-President. Michael Tobin, Esq., elected, Treasurer. M. H. Carty, Esq., B.L., re-elected, Secretary. Thos. Mitchell, Esq., re-elected, Chairman Schools. John J. O'Reilly, Esq., elected, Chairman Charity. John Howlett, Esq., re-elected, Chairman R. & C. John S. Keating, Esq., elected, Secretary Schools.

The following resolutions were then passed unanimously:—

Resolved,—That the expression of our warmest thanks is due to the legislature for its munificent grant in support of the institution.

Resolved,—That the thanks of the society are due and hereby tendered to His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Power for his patronage and support in the promotion of the objects of the society.

Resolved,—That the proprietors of the public journals who publish the report and other matters of the society gratuitously are entitled to our thanks.

Resolved,—That the thanks of the society are due and hereby tendered to Rev. John Scott and Rev. Brother Fleming for their kindness in assisting and carrying out the business of the meeting.

M. H. CARTY, Secretary.

## Correspondence.

The Editor of this paper is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

## CONCERT AT HAR. GRACE.

## The Singing, &amp;c., Excellent.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

DEAR SIR,—The concert given here on the 9th inst., by the Cathedral choir, was repeated on Tuesday evening last, in the T. A. hall. The audience, although not so large as on the preceding occasion, was yet very select, and seemed highly pleased with the solos, choruses, &c., that were brought forward.

At eight o'clock the curtain rose, displaying a tastefully decorated stage, with a piano at either side and a cabinet organ in front. The ladies and gentlemen of the choir took their positions, the former on a platform which had been built for the occasion in front of the stage, the latter a little behind. Professor Flynn presided at the organ. The first piece on the programme was a chorus from Donizetti, "The New Year's Song." The pleasurable manner in which this was rendered reflects great credit on all concerned. "Waiting," a solo by Miss Flynn, came next. This young lady has a remarkably flexible and cultured voice; her song was enthusiastically received. "The Bold Jack Tar," a song and chorus, followed. In the solo the fine bass voice of Mr. John Casey was heard to advantage, and the chorus was well balanced, lively and spirited. "Wild Sea Flowers," a semi-chorus, by Mrs. Isaac Humphrey, Mrs. H. Thomey, Misses Greene, Lynch, Murphy and Maddigan, pleased the audience very much. After this the male portion of the company advanced to the front and sang in unison the cheery chorus "149." Master William Kennedy, a promising young tenor, took the solo, and enlightened the audience a little as to the title of the piece, by informing them that the hero of the song was an old Jew named "Shéeny Mose who sold second-hand ulsters and everything else so fine," and who made it his boast, that although he was not much beloved by the uncircumcised gentile, yet "all the boys did trade with him at 149."

A waltz composed and arranged by Professor Flynn was next on the programme. Mrs. Wickham and Miss Flynn presided at one piano; Misses Mary and Etta Greene at another, the composer himself played the organ. The melody was well marked throughout, and excellent time observed by the players. When the waltz was finished all the company took their places for the "Inflammatus." This, which was certainly the finest piece of the evening, is taken from Rossini's celebrated "Stabat Mater." The soloist was Miss Flynn, whose voice in the high notes was like the warbling of a bird. The trebles, contraltos, tenors and basses now softening down to "piano" and anon swelling out in a burst of eloquent sounds showed careful training on the part of Mr. Flynn, and earnest and close attention on their own.

The rendition of the "Larboard Watch" by Messrs. T. Hanrahan and J. Casey was good. The "Blind Girl to her Harp," by Mrs. Wickham, was sung with taste and expression. Mrs. Wickham has a rich contralto voice that never fails to please. "Wouldn't you like to go," a comic song by Mr. J. J. Wickham, was well rendered. In this song a wealthy maiden first advancing towards that shelf where the corks of jam are put out of reach of "Leedle Sjhunny," tries to bring to the scratch a young swain. But he declines to "ask her dear papa," and departs for "fresh fields and pastures new." His attempts at matrimony proving unsuccessful he re-

turns again to the old maiden whom he expects to find among the "jam corks;" but to his surprise he discovers that during his absence she has "got another mate and he's just too late." This song brought down the house. "Hear me Norma," a duet, was sung with good effect by Miss Flynn and Mrs. Wickham. "Blacksmith Joe," a song and chorus came next, the solo was sung by Mr. T. Hanrahan, who gave the history of the jolly blacksmith at a very eventful period of his life, "when a maiden brought a donkey to be shod by Blacksmith Joe." The maiden had the regulation blue eyes and golden hair, and poor Joe was mashed immediately. Philosophers aver that a man requires all his self-possession to shoe a donkey, for shoeing donkeys is ticklish work. "The presence of the maiden made Joe so nervous that instead of fastening the shoe on the hoof he began to nail it on to the hind part of the donkey's leg, a proceeding which said donkey resented, but shot his naughty little foot like a flash of lightning. Blue eyes was in the way and she was killed on the spot. Little poor Joe thought that the nail he was driving into the shoe was a nail in her coffin. He was so stricken with grief that he did not long survive, and the tradition hath it that,

"When the pale young moon is shining  
If you happen by the forge to go,  
You will see a ghostly donkey  
And the maiden's form with Joe."

The next piece on the programme was the "Grand March From Norma." Whilst two pianos, two flutes, a cornet and organ were sounding forth the march, the full chorus sang "Norma Cometh," with grand effect. "The Coopers," sang by Mr. Patrick Devine, was well received and encored by the audience. When he had finished, the prima donna of the evening, Miss Flynn, sang in costume that very beautiful song "The Flower Girl." She gracefully acceded to the frequent encores of the audience by singing "The Cuckoo," a song which brought out to perfection the bird-like tones of her voice. "Bah! Boo! Bosh!" a comic duet, abounding in local hits, was acted and sung by Mr. W. J. Lynch and Mr. J. P. Kennedy, in a manner that kept the audience in a roar. Finally the musical part of the entertainment was brought to a close by the song and chorus "Vive La Campagne," the solo of which was given out in fine style by Mr. Daniel Kennedy.

Great praise is due Professor Flynn for the pains he took in getting up the concert. Its success paid a high tribute to his undoubted musical ability, good judgment and correct taste.

The evening entertainment concluded with a farce, entitled, "Trial for Breach of Promise." The points of this laughable piece were well brought out. Mr. P. Devine, counsel for defendant, sustained his reputation as an actor, and Mr. John Flynn, an old hand at theatricals, pleaded so well that the jury returned a verdict of damages one cent for plaintiff. God save the Queen was sung by the company and the audience dispersed. The entertainment was given in aid of a new Palace, which Bishop Macdonald is about to build and realized \$160. Thanking you for space, I remain, dear sir, yours sincerely,

EXCELSIOR.

## LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Spring like weather today.

And still another "grub" report reaches us from Quidividi.

The steamer Curlew left Rose Blanche at eight this morning, going up.

The steamer Terra Nova arrived from Dundee this morning at nine o'clock.

The highest point attained by the thermometer during the last twenty-four hours was 38; the lowest 24.

The rev. guardian of Villa Nova Orphanage will give a lecture in the Star of the Sea hall, early in March, for the benefit of the "homeless orphans of Newfoundland."

The East End Firemen have an open air rink on Military Road, which attracts crowds of skaters those fine moonlight nights. The open air skating being healthy, many persons prefer this bracing out-door exercise to enclosed rinks.

The mild spurt which set in early this morning melted the snow banks to such an extent that many houses situated under hilly parts of the city are completely inundated today. This, more particularly is the case in the region extending on the north of New Gower-street from Carter's-hill to Queen-street. One man living in Dammerall's-lane, north of Hawe's corner, said: "I was awakened this morning by my little boy, aged seven, who was shouting at the top of his voice down in the kitchen. I hurried down and here was little Jim in his night clothes, sailing round the kitchen floor on an old trunk, with his mother's neckkerchief tied to the broomstick doing duty as a flag. There were over two feet of water in the kitchen which was caused by the melting of a large bank of snow behind the house; other houses in the neighborhood were in nearly the same condition. By boring holes in the floor the water has considerably subsided."

## DEATHS.

WALSH.—Yesterday morning, after a short illness, Mr. John Walsh (cooper), a native of Hughestown, parish of Ballyhale, Kilkenny County, Ireland aged 55 years. Funeral tomorrow (Thursday), at 2 p.m., from his late residence, foot of Theatre-hill.—R.I.P.

DOYLE.—This morning, after a long and painful illness, Edward Doyle, a native of Conception Harbor, aged 75 years. His funeral will take place on Friday next, from his son's residence.

servedly so, very highly of them. They were a vast improvement upon their predecessors; they did their work remarkably well, and without serious mishap, until the loss of one of them last fall. He thought he was correct in saying that no life has been lost from these ships; certainly no passenger, nor any one, owing to remissness upon the part of those managing them. They have carried thousands of passengers; have sometimes been crowded to excess, and though fault has been found upon that score, it always seemed to him that such a condition of things, when it occurred, arose from necessity, as frequently hundreds of people had to be conveyed home from the northward when there was no other opportunity open to them. With the employment of larger steamers this evil may be remedied, but whether they will be able to do the work as well otherwise remains to be seen. He was glad to find that

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is so near completion. He thought the opening up of this line to trade with the westward will be productive of much good. In these days of progress we might as well be out of the world as without railroads, and even though not remunerative in a financial point of view, they confer facilities and accommodation that, having once enjoyed, we should not like to be deprived of. Were the railroad to Harbor Grace closed for a week, he thought we should all feel that we had received a serious set back; the business community especially, as it is of immense benefit to them. In connection with railroads, the suggestion to place steamers upon the bays that may be connected with them is a wise one. Trinity and Placentia Bays may easily be brought into this connection, and as large coastal steamers will hereafter be employed which will only be able to call at the principal harbors, smaller steamers to establish communication with the lesser ports will be necessary. If Bonavista Bay, as well as Placentia and Trinity Bays, could be thus connected with the railroad, a great advance will have been made. With the question of

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we have little to do at present. When the report of the commission comes before us we shall have an opportunity to consider it. Neither does the Barcelona Exhibition call for much comment just now, but it is satisfactory to learn that the government have taken steps for the representation of this colony, such as, he hoped, will result advantageously for it. The litigation between the government and the railway company, as regards the subsidy is now at an end. Whatever the result may be, there is no doubt the government has a claim against the company for damages for non-fulfillment of contract, and he trusted a satisfactory adjudication between them will be arrived at. There is another question, one of serious importance, alluded to in the speech; that of municipal arrangements for the town of St. John's. It is a subject we have hitherto rather shirked dealing with, nevertheless, we must make up our minds to face it sooner or later. It has to be done and the only way to arrange it is, while acting beneficially towards the interests and requirements of the town, not to act unfairly towards the owners of property. It is

## A QUESTION BESET WITH DIFFICULTIES;

but when the government bring forward a measure upon the subject its details can be scrutinized and discussed. There are one or two points of minor importance in the speech, such as telegraph extension north, which do not demand comment, but the closing paragraphs call for some notice. The immunity of the colony from epidemic disease, and other public calamities is one of those blessings which we should feel devoutly thankful for, but which we passingly refer to and are too prone to forget. We cannot fail to remember the harrowing intelligence conveyed to us day by day, of devastation and death by fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemic diseases, loss of life, volcanic eruptions, and other calamities. While we cannot expect to be exempt from disease or accident by sea or land, yet he trusted that during the present and succeeding years, the record of absence of serious crime will not be broken, and that this colony may continue to present the fair fame in the future which it enjoys at present. With these remarks he begged to move that a select committee be appointed to prepare an address in reply to His Excellency's speech.

(It be continued.)

## CURLIANA.

Yesterday forenoon the annual match "Johns" versus "All Comers" was played at the Parade Rink, when the former were victorious by five points. The ice was splendid, and the play all round was good. The scores was as follows:—

Johns.	All-Comers.
John Martin, skip.	E. C. Watson.....
John Cowan.....	F. Berteau.....
John O'Flaherty.....	H. B. Dryer.....
John Jardine.....	H. L. Messurier.....
John Skeoch, skip.	J. Fletcher, skip..
John Strong.....	T. F. Walsh.....
John Rooney.....	J. Jardine.....
John Mitchell.....	R. Laurie.....
Total.....	44.....